MWCC Board Meeting Minutes
February 4, 2026
6pm, Rec Center

Welcome and Call to Order

A meeting of the MWCC board was held on this day. Margeaux Selig, our vice president, was on the road and, therefore, the board voted to have Julie Rimer serve as chair pro tempore for this meeting. Gary Noll made the motion to have Julie serve as chair pro tempore, seconded by Jack Diesel, and approved by all.

Roll Call and Determination of a Quorum

Julie Rimer called the meeting to order at 6:03pm. Board members in attendance were Jon Young, Jack Diesel, Gary Noll, Leeanne Karpacs, Julie Rimer, Brian Zesche, and Nick Gomez Kling. Margeaux joined the meeting partway through. Teddy Morgan-Jablonski was absent.

Julie welcomed our two new board directors, Leeanne Karpacs and Nick Gomez-Kling, and thanked them for their volunteer work in 2025.

Approval of the Minutes of the Previous Board Meeting

Gary made a motion to approve the December 2, 2025, board meeting minutes, seconded by Jon, then approved by all.

Adoption of the Agenda

Approval of Tonight's Agenda: Gary made a motion to approve tonight's agenda, seconded by Nick, then approved by all.

Treasurer's Report

Treasurer update: Jon is working on the 2025 tax return and Statement of Continued Existence. Now that Mt. Washington's Forcht Bank is closed, it makes sense to find another Mt. Washington bank with which to do business. Jon stated we will need to change authorized signers on the account to Jon and the next MWCC president. Leeanne suggested we look for a local bank that might sponsor MWCC activities in the future.

Governance Matter: Review of Compliance with Communication and Transparency Requirements under the Bylaws

The board had an agenda item related to alleged bylaw violations involving a board member. That board member could not attend tonight's meeting due to a concussion and requested the matter be tabled until the next board meeting on March 4. Nick made the motion, seconded by Julie, and approved by all to table the agenda item until the March 4 board meeting.

New Officer Elections

Margeaux is willing to continue serving as vice president and Jon as treasurer. Julie was elected president and Leeanne was elected NSP manager. Margeaux is willing to continue serving as a Pumpkin Chuck chair. Brian, Nick, Jack, and Gary all volunteered to serve as Pumpkin Chuck helpers with Margeaux. Jon said that Teddy would be willing to serve as secretary. For the time being, Julie continues to fill that role.

Pledge of Allegiance

A member emailed the board to ask why we recite the Pledge of Allegiance at meetings. We will discuss this issue with the membership and take a vote on it at the next membership meeting.

NSP Next Steps

This year's maximum NSP request is $9,666. Rick Meador was in the meeting room working on testing the speed of the internet connection with Jacob Meyer and he provided that information. Rick, as the 2025 NSP manager, stated the 2025 NSP is completely wrapped up. Jon will send the new NSP information to Leeanne. Rick and Jon strongly suggested the membership choose only one or two NSP projects this year, rather than a variety of projects as was done in 2025, to simplify the process. We have discussed hanging new banners on the square and that could be one of the projects if the membership approves it. Paying for a dumpster for the removal of difficult to dispose of items for the community could be a second project. Another project could be paying for a landscaper to care for the tree medians near Sky Top.

Washington Park Earth Day Festival Request to Participate, Poster Contest for Students

The MWCC has been invited to participate in an Earth Day gathering at Washington Park on April 19 from noon to 5pm. All 52 Cincinnati neighborhoods have been invited to showcase how each neighborhood is bringing the Green Cincinnati Plan to life. The organization is offering a canopy, table, and two chairs for $50. They state you can use the space for anything you would like, including selling things to raise funds for neighborhood initiatives.

In conjunction with this event, there is a 2026 Poster Contest for 6^{th} to 12^{th} graders. The theme is

"Green Cincinnati."

We will inform the community of this event and the poster contest at the next membership meeting.

Healing Touch

We received an email from an organization called Healing Touch that provides group homes and shared living facilities to those with developmental disabilities and to veterans. They offered to provide a guest speaker at an upcoming MWCC membership meeting. Margeaux emailed them back to ask for more information.

Former Ice and Beer Status

The signs with rental information are gone from the former Ice and Beer building. We will ask the CDC, who has been spearheading renovation of that building, if it has been rented and to whom.

Senior Housing Questions

At the January 21 membership meeting, members asked if they could ask some questions about the senior housing development at 5455 Beechmont Avenue. Mike Sieber declined but said he would be willing to answer questions at an upcoming meeting. Margeaux will ask him to attend the February 18 membership meeting.

2026 Mount Washington Comprehensive Plan Update

Jesse Urbancsik is no longer in charge of the Mt. Washington Comprehensive Plan. Sophia Ferries-Rowe is now in charge. Nick, who is a steering committee member, stated there will be a community engagement event on Saturday, February 21, from 2pm to 4pm at the Mt. Washington School that will likely include information such as plan elements and a timeline. The MWCC has been asked to provide refreshments at a cost of $200. We will ask the membership if they want to pay for the refreshments. An alternative is to ask SEM Pantry if they would be able to provide snacks for this event.

Adjournment

Margeaux made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Julie. The meeting was adjourned at 6:50pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Julie Rimer

Acting Secretary